

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S6089–6146*

**Measures Introduced:** Seventeen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1882–1898, and S. Res. 234–235. **Page S6136**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 373, to provide for the establishment of nationally uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–96)

S. 284, to impose sanctions with respect to foreign persons responsible for gross violations of internationally recognized human rights, with an amendment.

S. 1596, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2082 Stringtown Road in Grove City, Ohio, as the “Specialist Joseph W. Riley Post Office Building”.

S. 1632, to require a regional strategy to address the threat posed by Boko Haram, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1826, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 99 West 2nd Street in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, as the Lieutenant Colonel James “Maggie” Megellas Post Office. **Page 6134**

#### Measures Passed:

**Authorize Printing:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 234, to authorize the printing of a collection of the rules of the committees of the Senate. **Page S6144**

**National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 235, designating September 2015 as “National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month”. **Page S6144**

#### Measures Considered:

**Hire More Heroes Act—Agreement:** Senate continued consideration of H.R. 22, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Pro-

tection and Affordable Care Act, after taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S6091–92**

#### Adopted:

McConnell (for Inhofe) Amendment No. 2533 (to Amendment No. 2421), relating to Federal-aid highways and highway safety construction programs. **Page S6092**

McConnell Amendment No. 2421 (to Amendment No. 2266), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6091**

By 62 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 258), McConnell Modified Amendment No. 2266, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6092**

#### Rejected:

McConnell Amendment No. 2417 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2266), to change the enactment date. (Senate tabled the amendment.) **Page S6091**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

McConnell Amendment No. 2418 (to Amendment No. 2417), of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell Amendment No. 2417 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2266) (listed above), was tabled. **Page S6091**

By 65 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. 259), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the bill. **Page S6092**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill, post-cloture, at approximately 10:00 a.m., on Thursday, July 30, 2015; that the time until 12:00 p.m. be equally divided in the usual form; and that all time during the adjournment of the Senate count post-cloture on the bill. **Pages S6144–45**

**Surface Transportation and Veterans Health Care Choice Improvement Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that if the Senate receives the papers for H.R. 3236, to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, to provide resource flexibility to the Department of Veterans Affairs for health care services, that

at 1:45 p.m., on Thursday, July 30, 2015, Senate begin consideration of the bill and vote on passage, with no intervening action of debate, and that there be a 60 affirmative vote threshold for passage of the bill.

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**Message from the President:** Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13441 with respect to Lebanon; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-22)

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Allison Beck, of the District of Columbia, to be Federal Mediation and Conciliation Director.

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Carol Fortine Ochoa, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, General Services Administration.

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Jeffrey Michael Prieto, of California, to be General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture.

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1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force and Army.

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**Messages from the House:**

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**Measures Referred:**

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**Measures Placed on the Calendar:**

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**Privileges of the Floor:**

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**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—259)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:28 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 30, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the re-

marks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6145.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF ACTION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the impacts of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) on United States interests and the military balance in the Middle East, after receiving testimony from John F. Kerry, Secretary of State; Ashton B. Carter, Secretary, and General Martin E. Dempsey, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, both of the Department of Defense; Jacob J. Lew, Secretary of the Treasury; and Ernest J. Moniz, Secretary of Energy.

### PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SHIPYARDS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded a hearing to examine best practices at public and private shipyards, after receiving testimony from Ray Bagley, Huntington Ingalls Industries Newport News Shipbuilding, Newport News, Virginia; and Paul O'Connor, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, Maine.

### BANKRUPTCY REFORM

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection concluded a hearing to examine the role of bankruptcy reform in addressing too-big-to-fail, including S. 1840, to amend title 11, United States Code, to provide for the liquidation, reorganization, or recapitalization of a covered financial corporation, after receiving testimony from Randall D. Guynn, Davis Polk and Wardwell LLP, New York, New York, on behalf of the Bipartisan Policy Center Financial Regulatory Reform Initiative Failure Resolution Task Force; John B. Taylor, Stanford University Hoover Institution, Palo Alto, California; Thomas H. Jackson, University of Rochester, Rochester, New York; and Simon Johnson, MIT Sloan School of Management, Cambridge, Massachusetts, on behalf of the Peterson Institute for International Economics.

### WIRELESS BROADBAND

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine wireless broadband and the future of spectrum policy, after receiving testimony from Jessica Rosenworcel, Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission; Meredith Attwell Baker, CTIA—The Wireless Association, and Thomas M. Lenard, Technology Policy